vided by the Board and Rs. 1·10 crores by the State.

Time Allotted for Adult Education and Non-Formal Education

1276. DR. R.K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time allotted per week for telecast on Doordarshan regarding programmes connected with Adult Education and Non-formal Education.

(b) the percentages of such telecast as compared to the total weekly telecast time and cost thereof: and

(c) whether such telecastes are sponsored by Private agencies and if so, what are the details of amount of time and cost borne by such agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) Although specific time has not been allotted on uniform basis for telecast of programmes on Adult Education and Non-formal Education, yet a large number of programmes on these themes are telecast regularly by Doordarshan Kendras. Such programmes fall in the following categories :–

(i) Programmes for Higher Education and ETV.

(ii) Other programmes of Educational nature.

(iii) Adult Literacy programmes.

Since timings, duration and pattern of programmes on Adult Eeducation and Non-formal Education differ from Kendra to Kendra, no percentage of such telecasts could be indicated.

(c) There is no regular sponsorship of educationl programmes telecast over Doordarshan. However, some programmes for rural audiences and health magazines etc. are occasionally sponsored by agencies.

Expansion of Metro Railway in Calcutta

1277. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Overseas Economic Cooperation Funds have proposed to provide necessary economic aid for the speedy implementation and further expansion of the Metro Railway in Calcutta and around ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of Transport System in Calcutta

1278. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of West Bengal have recently submitted some proposals for the improvement of the transport system in Calcutta.

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals ; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) In